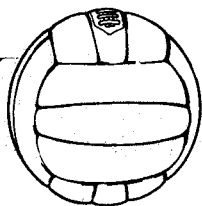


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WOLVES ARE HERE

Soccer fans have the opportunity of seeing another famous English division one club side in action when Wolverhampton Wanderers tackle Australia, at Olympic Park, this afternoon.

The Wolves should prove an outstanding attraction.

For in less than four years since he took over as Wolves' manager, the former England wing half, Bill McGarry, has built up the Midlands side into a formidable outfit which has made a big impact in both English and European soccer.

Loaded with talent and experience having such players as Derek Parkin, Jim McCalliog, Francis Munro, Danny Hegan, Mike Bailey, David Wagstaffe, Phil Parkes and Hugh Curran in their ranks they are also a personality side with the giant Derek Dougan, one of the most colorful in British soccer.

They are also enriched with youth and their ranks include a powerful potential trio in John Richards, John McAlle and Peter Eastoe.

Three times winners of the First Division championship between 1954 and 1959 they also celebrated their fourth F.A. Cup success in 1960.

For almost a decade after this the pattern began to change but under Bill McGarry, one of the most astute managers of the game, they are well on the way back to regaining that "purple patch" of the fifties.

As well as having many star personalities in their side, the Wolves have also several key men. In this category come Derek Dougan, Mike Bailey, Francis Munro and Jim McCalliog.

In goal they have the massive Phil Parkes who has become safer and safer since their defence settled.

In the back division, Derek Parkin and Bernard Shaw, both former Under-23 England internationals, form a strong partnership with the youthful and powerful John McAlle, a Liverpoolian.

Francis Munro, in the centre of the back division with a deep-lying inside forward tendency, is good in the air and has the ball control to initiate attacks.

Danny Hegan, the Scottish-born Irish internationalist, completes the rearguard and this player hit the headlines after his display for

Ireland when they defeated England, at Wembley, recently.

Up front, the attributes of Jim McCalliog are well known to Australian soccer fans. For this is his third visit here. Young Ken Hibbit, an Under-23 England international, is a fine player who only broke into the team 18 months ago.

Derek Dougan needs no introduction to anyone who keeps up with the happenings in world soccer. The big Irishman who has a wealth of experience behind him can hold his own in any company with his ability on the ground and in the air.

Hugh Curran, a 65,000 pound buy from Norwich in 1969 and a Scottish international, can grab the goals while the experienced David Wagstaffe, who had a long spell with Manchester City, is speedy and skilful.

The other six Wolves players will, of course, also come into the reckoning and staking strong claims will be John Richards, a striker and great front runner, defender Gerry Taylor who has loads of experience, Peter Eastoe a youngster and also a striker, Alan Sunderland who has stood in with success for Mike Bailey, and Stephen Dailey.

With such a fine record and with such an abundance of top talent in their ranks, the Wolves should win comfortably against Australia's part time professionals.

Australia's best hopes of causing some real impression will depend largely on how they contain the Wolves in the early part of the game and, of course, on the score of fitness. For as the minutes tick away, the English side should hold all the aces in the pack in every aspect of the game.

JIM COOK.



● JIM McCALLIOG, the Scottish international in the Wolves' line-up today, who while playing for Scotland in 1967 inflicted on England their first defeat after their great 1966 World Cup. McCalliog himself scored the vital goal in his country's 3-2 victory.



● WHAM! It's Australia's acrobatic goalkeeper, Ron Corry, flying through the air in a league match in Sydney. This fine style has saved five successive penalty kicks in international soccer. It has been claimed as a world record. Today, either Corry or Victoria's Jack Reilly could keep goal for Australia. No matter who it is, Olympic Park fans can be assured of a great performance — one that they won't forget and one that we hope they'll feel proud of when the final whistle is blown by FIFA referee, Bobby Lamb.

TREBLE CHAMPS

Wolves have been English first division champions three times — in 1954, 1958 and 1959 — as well as being runners-up in this division five times.

Wolverhampton Wanderers are the only club to have won the first, second and third division league championships. They were F.A. cup-winners in 1893, 1908, 1949 and 1960 and runners-up on four occasions. But they've not tasted any success in the League Cup.



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GOALS WON'T COME EASY

A few weeks ago an Australian feature on Wolves purporting to originate from England, suggested their defence was a major source of worry.

by JIM COOK

WOLVES' BARKS AND BITES . . .

What a load of rubbish! It was enough to make Bill McGarry and his players rub it in all the more against the opposition they meet during their Australian tour.

We've only got to check Wolves' great defensive record in the UEFA Cup this season to nail this lie.

So don't be fooled over this report which suggests that goals might come easily to the sides they meet in Australia.

For remember how easily Dundee waltzed through opposition scoring 46 goals and only conceding six in six matches.

WOLVES were formed in 1877 by boys of St Luke's Blakenhall and went under the name of their church until amalgamating with another local side — The Wanderers. This was in 1880 when they became

known as Wolverhampton Wanderers.

In the early twenties, Wolves operating in the Third Division (North), won the league in 1924 and spells in the Second Division saw them champions in 1932 and runners-up in 1967 when they last gained promotion back to the First Division.

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WOLVES have played in all three European competitions. Twice in the European Cup, once in the European Cup-Winners Cup competition they came near to success, and only a few weeks ago they reached the final of the UEFA Cup when beaten 3-1 on aggregate by fellow Englishmen — Tottenham Hotspur.

But they have won the Texaco Cup as recently as 1971 — a sponsored competition with English, Scottish and Irish contestants. They were beaten by Rangers in the semi-final of the European Cup Winners Cup, in 1961.

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GREAT players to have worn Wolves colors are: Stan Cullis a great centre half and many times capped England player who later became manager of the club for six years, Johnny Hancock one of the best and most popular wingers in England soon after the end of World War II, Bill Slater a great utility player and England's 'Player of the Year' in 1960, Bert Williams, who succeeded Frank Swift as England's keeper and represented his country many times, and the one and only, Billy Wright, who had a record 105 appearances for England including 70 on the trot.

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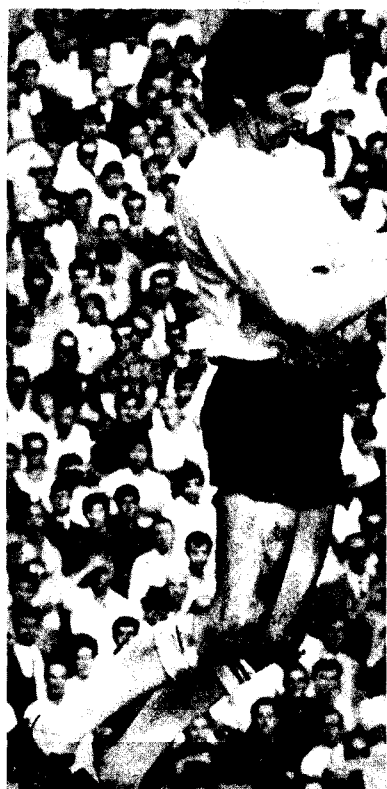
WOLVES' ground is Molineux which now has a limited capacity of just under 54,000. A full house was in attendance when they played and beat Leeds United in their last home game of the season to deprive the Yorkshire club of the league title and the double (Leeds won the F.A. Cup).

However, this is not the biggest crowd Molineux has held. For before it was remodelled way back in 1939, the Wolves attracted a 61,315 crowd in an F.A. fifth round cup-tie with Liverpool.

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WOLVES come to Australia not only with some of the best players in soccer but also some of the tallest.

Goalkeeper Jim Parkes hits the 6'3 mark, Derek Dougan is 6'3 plus, Francis Munro is a mere six footer and several other players McAlie, Dailey, Taylor and Hibbitt are not far short of the 72 inches measure.

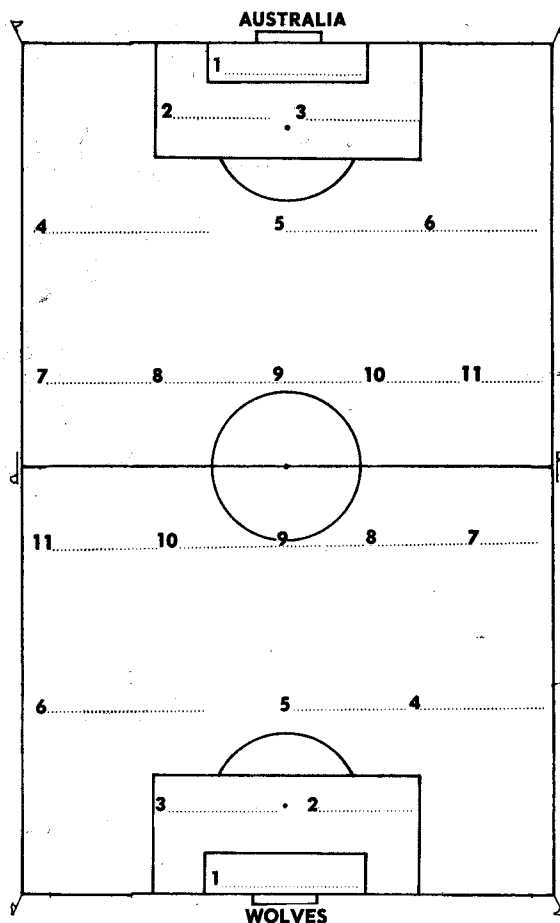


o JACK REILLY, Hakoah (Melbourne) goalkeeper, who has been chosen to represent Australia today. Here he saves in fine style while playing for Victoria against Moscow Dynamo from Russia.



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PHIL Parkes comes nearest to being a "local" in the Wolverhampton squad. Phil comes from West Bromwich (Birmingham) which is a mile away.

Four come from Scotland — Jim McCalliog, Francis Munro, Hugh Curran and Danny Hegan. Derek Dougan comes from Belfast, while the others come from Newcastle, Sheffield, Liverpool, Hull, Manchester, Bradford, Wisbech, Warrington and Tamworth.

TWO days after losing to Tottenham Hotspur in the final of the UEFA Cup (former Fairs Cup) Wolves headed for a four-match tour of the United States.

Fresh from their success in America they then set off for a three-match tour of New Zealand and their arrival in Melbourne heralds a whirlwind program when they play in all the major states.

They kick off against Australia this afternoon at Olympic Park and a

return game will be played in Sydney, on Monday.

On Wednesday they play Queensland in Brisbane and three days later they meet South Australia in Adelaide.

With hardly time to enjoy a night out they make the long hop to Perth and play Australia the following day then back to England for a brief break before resuming full-time training in readiness for the new season ahead.

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Next weekend sees the start of the second round of games in the State League Championship race for 1972 and it's still wide open.

George Cross in recent weeks have lost a little of their earlier glitter but have still not faltered. The only team to avoid a loss in the first half of the season they have a comfortably large lead at the top of the table.

A full four points clear of South Melbourne Hellas. But the lead is deceptive since they have still to replay the abandoned game versus Footscray JUST and so could go even further ahead.

In their next game they meet Croatia in what could well be one of the most important matches of their Championship battle. A good win will see them sail on to success — but anything less may well indicate a faltering performance that may see them battling to hold a lead at the top.

South Melbourne Hellas have moved on strongly during the past month and although their narrow win over Juventus last weekend can't have filled them with much pleasure they still look good as the next best bet for the title.

Their pacy strikers, Dave Gorrie and Jimmy Armstrong have few peers in this State and are potent anywhere near goal. A tough, strong side full of big men they may last the pace better than most and could go on from here to edge George Cross out of their first

State League title unless Cross are careful.

Hakoah have faltered. They are still scoring enough goals to win every single game they play — last week they went under to lowly Ringwood 4-3 at Jubilee Park. But their defence is as leaky as a sieve and will need to be plugged if they are to develop into a more serious contender for honours.

Croatia and Footscray both fail to impress as real prospects. They have all the skill and talent needed to carry them through to success but something is missing. This year both have turned in too many mediocre performances to earn them the right to any title. Last week all Croatia could manage against lowly Fitzroy was an uninspiring draw.

Footscray were worse. Against Box Hill they saw

NOW FOR THE SECOND ROUND

an early lead fade away as they played with a total lack of imagination and fire. Lucky to win against the improving Ringwood they were even luckier to draw at Box Hill.

At the bottom of the table the relegation battle is now sharply defined.

Box Hill have staked a claim to bottom spot with a series of poor performances that deserved little better. However, the occasional glimmer of their famed fighting spirit shows through, it won for them against Ringwood and helped them hold the tough Footscray side. A little more of it and they could survive to fight another year. Without it they will go down for sure.

Keilor are finding the State League tougher by the week and have slipped to second bottom spot. They have an exciting team that plays open attractive football and on several occasions have come near to causing an upset. Last week only a late goal by Dario Epifano saved George Cross from a draw.

Maybe they are going to have a tough job holding onto their State League berth but they should just succeed.

Ringwood have climbed out of trouble with a series of stronger performances that have given last year's upset team renewed confidence. Cliff Portwood, their new coach, is settling in well and seems to have worked the oracle with a side that promised so much at the start of the season and ended up giving so little.

They could go on a climb through the table as they did last year, away from trouble and near to the sun.

The middle of the table is nicely balanced. Only two points separate Footscray, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Juventus and Polonia. All have turned in up-and-down performances that make it hard to forecast.

Melbourne did not seem to have the goalscoring power to climb much higher in the league, but the defence assures them of safety.

Juventus are a mere shadow of their former greatness and seem doomed to slip further down as others like Ringwood climb away from trouble.

Polonia have really gone bad. After a good run through the opening games they were being freely tipped as a "dark horse" for the final four.

Now defeats by Ringwood and Melbourne have tarnished their reputation and seen them sink down the table.

Fitzroy have always been capable of better things and their climb away from the bottom is one of the most pleasing sights of the league table. They may not have the strength to go much higher, but they should escape the ignominy of finishing near the bottom.

After a successful inaugural season last year the State League Colts have gone from strength to strength in their second full season.

The importance of these junior leagues increases rapidly as most State League clubs become more aware of the need to build up a new generation of home-grown talent to replace the flickle stars of old Europe.

The crack Melbourne Karling side lead the Under 18 group by the narrowest of margins from Keilor. Melbourne Karling have not been defeated in a single game in their last three seasons together as Under 14's, Under 15's and Under 16's.

The final four already looks clear as Footscray and Croatia press the two leaders hard with a wide gap already opening up between them and the remaining sides.

Ringwood City and Box Hill are finding competition tough. They have already conceded a mammoth number of goals that surely belies the talent that must exist in the Eastern Suburbs.

Melbourne also lead the Under 14 age grouping. A great 13-0 win over Polonia last weekend confirmed their top position. Keilor find themselves again in second spot and South Melbourne and Hakoah bring up the four with Croatia just outside on percentage.

Again a wide gap has opened between the top teams and the rest. A gap that may not be bridged.

One hopes these juniors are not going to be denied games against stronger non-State League competition. There are plenty of clubs that are clearly capable of challenging and beating the majority of the sides in the Colts Comp.

What about a Cup Competition open to all clubs? This would show where the real junior strength lies.



● HIGH FLYING Jack Reilly again. Here he towers above Hellas players to make a save at Olympic Park.

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Powerful Wolves

WOLVES have been reshaped and rejuvenated so well in recent years by manager, Bill McGarry, that they are now re-established as not only one of the leading club sides in England, but a force to be reckoned with in Europe as well.

Recognised as one of the finest wing halves in the game during his long playing career, Bill was discovered by Port Vale and then transferred to Huddersfield with whom he made his name to the extent of gaining a number of international caps for England.

After serving Huddersfield for a decade he moved to Bournemouth where he became player-manager and he chalked up a total of 586 Football League appearances

before quitting the playing side of the game and taking over as manager with Watford whom he helped to steer to the Second Division. He then had a spell as manager with Ipswich Town before accepting the post with Wolves, in 1968.

Bill McGarry had come home! For as a Potteries-born man, he had not had any player or managerial connection in his home territory since leaving Port Vale 17 years before.

A hard man on his own admission he can be quite critical even when his side win. For he believes only the best is good enough — an attribute which has made him a success — first as a player and then a manager wherever he has been.

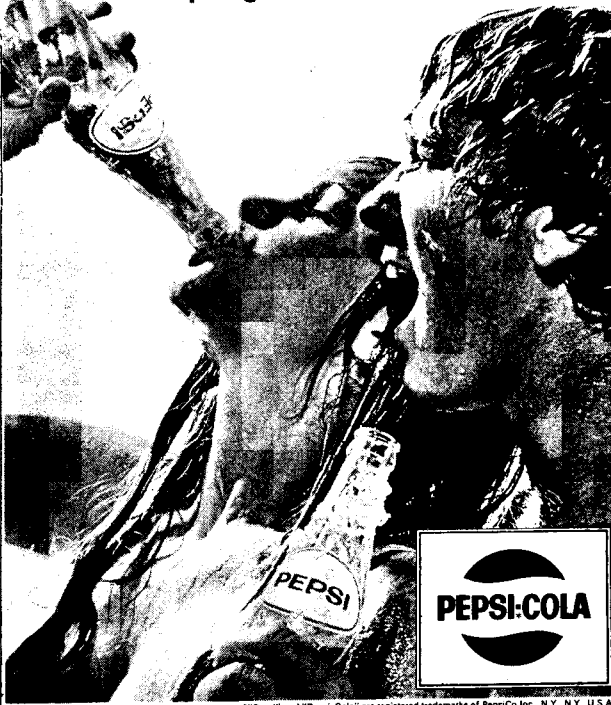
He has personally designed the junior set-up with Wolves. He has spent heavily but wisely when the occasion arose and in remoulding and rebuilding the side with considerable success, the followers of the club have shown their appreciation by their continued support in large numbers.

This in short, is Bill McGarry, widely acclaimed in England as one of the top club managers in the game.

Footnote: McGarry was a member of England's World Cup side which went to the quarter-finals in Switzerland, in 1954. And as a wing half guess who played alongside him at centre half? None other than Billy Wright, of Wolves.

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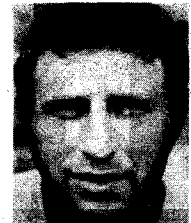
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KEN HIBBITT: *Midfielder who scored on his debut for Wolves against Chelsea last season. Has played regularly since and in 1971 gained his first England Under 23 cap when he appeared as substitute against Wales. Brother Terry also plays First Division football, with Newcastle. Born Bradford 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 6 lb.*



MICHAEL BAILEY: Captain of Wolves, he is an Under-23 International and gained a full cap against the United States and Wales in 1963 and 1964 respectively. Joined Wolves from Charlton Athletic in 1966 for \$90,000 and is today estimated to be worth \$220,000. Made his league debut with Charlton in the 1960-61 season, where he played more than 150 games. Born Wisbech, 5 ft 7½ in., 11 st, 2 lb.



DAVE WAGSTAFFE: Fast, skilful left-winger and one of Wolves' most experienced players having joined them in December 1964 from Manchester City. Recently picked to play for the Football League against the Scottish League, he has yet to win full International honours. Approaching 250 League appearances for the club. Born Manchester. 5ft 8½in, 10st. 8½lb.

Meantime, as the excitement ran rife Dundee switched into top gear with a series of convincing wins. A.C.T. were



GERRY TAYLOR: Has played full-back recently after joining Wolves as an amateur from their Yorkshire nursery in season 1963-64 and turned professional in November 1964. A reliable squad member with nearly 100 League-appearances to his credit. Born Hull. 5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st. 6 lb.

thrashed 9-1 in Canberra and Queensland were hopelessly outclassed in Brisbane 9-0. In Lismore



DEREK PARKIN: An Under-23 England international and one of the best of a crop of full-backs produced by Huddersfield Town in recent years. Started with Huddersfield, but moved to Wolves in February 1988. Born Gloucestershire.

pieces. Two first half goals were just an appetiser. After the interval the Scots ran riot and finished comfortable winners 6-1.

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FRANCIS MUNRO: Scottish international centre-half, he was signed from Aberdeen for a fee of \$130,000 in January 1968. Began his career with Dundee United and more recently Wolves has gained three Under-23 and three full caps. A regular for the past two seasons, he has made over 100 League appearances for the club. Born Dundee, 6 ft, 13 st, 1 lb.



DANNY HEGARTY: Tenacious midfield player who was previously with Sunderland, Ipswich and West Bromwich, he joined Wolves from Albion in May 1970 for a fee of \$55,000. In 1970 he gained a N. Ireland cap against Russia in a World Cup qualifying match. Though unable to command a regular first-team place, his form recently has been impressive. Born Coatbridge, 5 ft, 6 in., 11 st, 13 lb.



JIM MCCALLIOG: Scottish international midfielder with five full caps. Began his career with Chelsea, but was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday in October 1965. In August 1969 he joined Wolves in a \$150,000 deal. An ace penalty taker, he is also among Wolves' leading scorers. Has been to Australia twice, with Chelsea and Scotland. Born Glasgow, 5 ft 9 in., 10 st, 9 lb.



PHILL PARKES: One of the tallest and most talented goalkeepers in Division One, he joined Wolves as an amateur on leaving school in 1962. Since his League debut in 1966 he has completed over 180 appearances and been regular first-choice keeper in recent seasons. Born West Bromwich, 6 ft, 3 in., 13 st, 5 lb.



HUGH CURRAN: Scottish international striker, who had found difficulty in regaining his first-team place this season because of loss of form after a knee injury. He has been capped four times for Scotland and has played with Millwall, Shamrock Rovers, Third Lanark and Hibernian City before joining Wolves in February 1969. Born Glasgow.



JOHN MALLE: Established a regular place in the Wolves defence last season when he made 27 consecutive League appearances. Signed from school as an apprentice, he turned full professional in February 1967. His League debut came against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in April 1968. A consistent member of the side again this season. Born Liverpool, 6 ft, 11 in., 11 st.

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It could easily have been more — much more! So today, virtually the same team meets the might of Wolverhampton Wanderers. Instead of the light blue of the State team they'll be wearing the Green and Gold of their nation. Instead of Les Schlenker as coach they have that well known local-Rale Rasic. Instead of eleven players from New South, we have a sprinkling of "weaker" players from this State of Victoria.



BERNARD SHAW: This experienced full-back has been a first-team regular since his bargain \$32,000 transfer from Sheffield United in July 1969. While with United he gained England Youth honours and two Under-23 caps in 1968. Now approaching 100 League appearances for Wolves. Born Sheffield, 5 ft 6 in., 10 st, 12 lb.

How will they go? I do not believe that Rasic will make the same tactical errors that made Dundee's win more convincing that it might have been. It will be a better side because Rasic has a greater understanding of the game than any other coach in Australia. But this national squad will have a testing time if Wolves

chose to play their vigorous best.

If Wolves treats the game as a holiday they will win no friends in Melbourne. But if they turn on a blistering display of pace and skill they will go home with the cheers of Melbourne fans ringing in their ears.

And, in those circumstances a good Australian performance no matter what the actual result, will be all the sweeter.

Today's game against Wolverhampton is one of the most testing ever played by the National team, and today's Australian side is the National team whatever its name.

These 'players' who'll take the field today wearing the Green and Gold are the cream of players from which the side that will compete for the 1974 World Cup must be largely selected. There are no better players around — though they might be a few who are just as good.

So let's look at them: **Jack Reilly:** Back in the side for the first time this year Reilly is undoubtedly the most talented and professional 'keeper in Australia and a "racing certainty" for the World Cup. With Romanowicz in disgrace only the former international Ron Corry is in the running against Reilly and there is a light year in skill and experience between them.

George Harris: One of the best players in both Adelaide and Sydney this tough defender overlaps in brilliant fashion if given half a chance.

Peter Wilson: One of the better defenders in Adelaide, Wilson was submerged by the speed and vigour of the Dundee attack in Sydney, but still came out with his reputation largely intact.

Jim Rooney: One of the big 'disappointments' in both games this former Victorian star may not make this afternoon's team.



STEPHEN DALEY: A promising young forward signed full professional last year, having joined the club from school. Last season he was a member of the England Youth party springing out as the outside left position. Has played occasionally in the first-team this season, and recently been named as substitute. Born Barnsley, 5 ft, 10 in., 12 lb.

Ray Baartz: A brilliant exciting striker who has too often been condemned to a mid-field role that denies him the opportunity to use his lethal

shooting to best advantage. In the forward line today he could be a matchwinner. In mid-field he will play his usual constructive game.

Ernie Campbell: Not since the Adelaide game, Ernie was the most damaging New South Wales forward in Sydney and scored his State's lone goal. That he missed a few glorious scoring opportunities must not be held against him. Nobody else got close.

Jimmy MacKay: Gave his usual competent performance in Adelaide and should repeat his key mid-field role at Olympic Park this afternoon. As a key figure in the Australian line up his performance will be critical.

OTTIE ABONYI: Former Melbourne winger. Well known to Olympic Park fans for his clever play in attack. A true Australian product who was encouraged to get to the top by his father.

Billy Vojtek: An exciting player and perhaps the only Australian who could win the game single handed. His ball control is superb, his shooting dangerous. Always near peak form. On his 'home' ground he should go well.

Manfred Schaefer: The strong St. George (Sydney) mid-field player. Recalled to the national side to give it strength.

Bobby Hogg: Only a shadow of the player in the Sydney game who had been best on the field for Australia against Dundee in Adelaide. He's strong, fast and has good ball control.



Jimmy McKay: ... one of Victoria's top internationals.

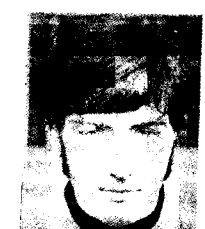
Adrian Alston: An old timer with the national side. Replaced by Bill Rogers in the 75th minute of the Adelaide game.

Ron Corry: Australia's former No. 1 goalie. Recalled to stand by for national duties. A great goalie. Spectacular.

CYRIL "Sammy" Chung: The senior trainer-coach of Wolves, is a hard taskmaster and over and above his other demands from his players, none are more important than discipline.

Sammy reckons that no matter how good a player is — he must be disciplined.

Sammy knows what he's talking about for he was brought up in the right school, first as a player and then as a coach with Watford while his present boss Bill McGarry, was manager with the London club.



JOHN RICHARDS: One of the season's most improved players, he joined Wolves from school, signing full professional in July 1969. Last term he made four full League appearances but since winning a regular place at the start of the season has emerged as one of the club's leading scorers. Born Warrington, 11 st, 15 lb.

PETER EASTO: Is the most recently-blooded player in the touring side, having made his first-team debut on April 15, this year, against Arsenal. The 19-year-old striker who was an England Youth international last season, nearly scored a goal in his first match. Born Tamworth.



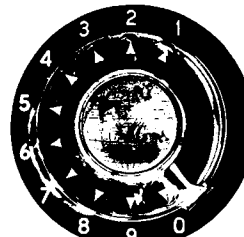
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Sammy born of a Chinese father and English mother, first saw the light of day at Abingdon (Berkshire) and is reckoned in English soccer circles to be one of the most dedicated and authoritative trainer-coaches around.

Sammy will get a warm welcome in Sydney from his former team-mate, Tommy Anderson, the ex-George Cross and South Melbourne Heas player, now coach of Auburn.



Jack Reilly dives for the ball as Alistair Scott and Sandy Irvine look on.



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Metropolitan Soccer is in the ascendancy — the game's future in Victoria lies with this League.

Year by year, clubs are building on firm foundations.

Excellent grounds, wonderful club facilities and definite plans for improved spectator conditions are the order of the day.

Clubs like Altona, Frankston, Green Gully, Ajax, Yallourn, Mooroolbark, Brighton and many others are already providing top class accommodation for players, officials and club members.

Money, always a problem, is being carefully husbanded and used for club development, not wasted on overseas players of dubious ability.

Probably the brightest aspect of Metropolitan Soccer is the standard of contest.

Each week, thousands of spectators are thrilling to the all-out effort put in by most of the players.

With an eye to the future, many of these clubs have wide junior interest. As one well known and respected Altona official said, "It's no use waiting until lads are in their teens before bringing them into Soccer."

"In most cases that is too late. You've got to get them at State School level and even earlier."

How true and what a wonderful job is being done this way, in Altona & District.

The two up, two down system keeps interest in the games right to the end of the season.

Referees frequently comment on the wonderful contests they have had charge of, in all four divisions. The standard of play and sportsmanship merits the interest shown by the sporting public.

Although comfortably ensconced at the head of affairs in Division One, Prahran Slavia must consider all games as

Recognised throughout the State as an uncompromising but very successful business man, John Van Hoboken has also stamped his imprint on Victorian Soccer, in no uncertain manner.

Jubilee Park will stand as a memorial to a man who loves the game, is far sighted in his view of its future in Australia, and is a blueprint of what a true Soccer ground should be.

Those who are close to "Van", as he is affectionately known, are aware of a side to his nature which is not generally obvious.

His generosity to people in distress. That includes struggling Soccer clubs.

It was never better illustrated than at Mooroolbark, last Sunday.

Mooroolbark United is another of our progressive Metropolitan clubs.

Like most clubs it lacks adequate finance to bring into being all those things which go to make a successful, comfortable and expanding club.

Club rooms and player facilities were inadequate. Mr. Van Hoboken came to the party, as he has done so many times before, for others.

He gave them a magnificent building which the energetic Mooroolbark officials have turned into a delightful club room and changing room complex.

cup-ties. One slip could let in Frankston (Division One's most improved side), Sunshine City or Keilor City.

Green Gully, Altona and Yallourn are breathing down the others necks and the second half of the season will be a real cliff hanger.

At the bottom, Dandenong City and Essendon Lions are no longer chopping blocks.

Both are showing signs of real revival. Mooroolbark had a torrid time in the early part of the season but team strengthening has plugged a few gaps and they view the coming games with confidence.

Western Suburbs, hitting their straps from the word go, show no signs of faltering. They dropped only three points in the first ten games and look a bright prospect for promotion to Division One.

St. Albans, a real League of Nations club, is having a great season. Determined to return to a higher sphere, they have got down to the business of playing a classy brand of Soccer and hold second spot on the ladder.

On Sunday he officially opened the rooms at a ceremony at the Esther Park ground. Board Members John Barclay and John Borg, together with V.S.F. Secretary/Manager George Wallace lent their support to this red letter day in Mooroolbark United's history.

The V.S.F.'s new baby

The V.S.F.'s new baby, the Provisional League, is developing into a tremendous competition. Currently, Carlton heads the ladder but Werribee inflicted their first defeat last Saturday and threw the battle for honours wide open.

The standard of play in this League is very high and the facilities and playing areas of Clubs like Werribee, Hamlyn Rangers and others are the envy of State League and Metro clubs alike.

Designed as a potential stepping stone to Metropolitan Soccer there is no

George Yelland looks at Metro Soccer



IT'S SOCCER AT ITS BEST

Preston Makedonia could be the dark horse in this division. They are playing systematic copy book Soccer and are hot on the tails of St. Albans and Western Suburbs.

Albion Rovers have faltered a little but could still be there at the crunch. Heidelberg is a hard-tackling, go-ahead team which has made its presence felt in Division Two. Don't discount them.

Coburg United had a shocking start, but they are finding form at the right time. Five points out of the last six, sounds a warning note to top clubs.

Richmond looks good in action but results so far, have been less than encouraging.

Waverley, Corio and Princes Park Hercules are too unpredictable to be serious threats to teams above them.

Prahran City is showing signs of improvement but Moreland is having a tough time.

Last week's win, by an odd goal, over Richmond, gives them a brief respite and encouragement for better things ahead.

Ferntree Gully is well clear in Division Three but what a cut-throat business it is for second spot!

North Carlton Olympic, Chelsea, Brunswick, Athena, Croydon, South Yarra and Park Rangers are divided by a mere two points.

Several of them have a game in hand. It would take Mandrake to figure out eventual promotion candidates.

Newport, after a great start in their new sphere, have fallen badly in recent weeks.

Brighton, the club with such fantastic facilities, is hardly doing justice to them. Ballarat and St. Kilda have fallen on troubled times and once proud Sandringham is in the doldrums. This fine club could do with real help from coaches, players and public.

After several seasons of disappointment, Eltham, pride of the Diamond Valley, is riding high. Determined that this is going to be their year, they are going flat out for promotion.

Both first team and reserves head their respective ladders. Both sides have dropped only three points.

Both sides are into the thirties in goal scoring and neither side has conceded a goal a match. If ever a club looked set for promotion half way through a season, Eltham is that club.

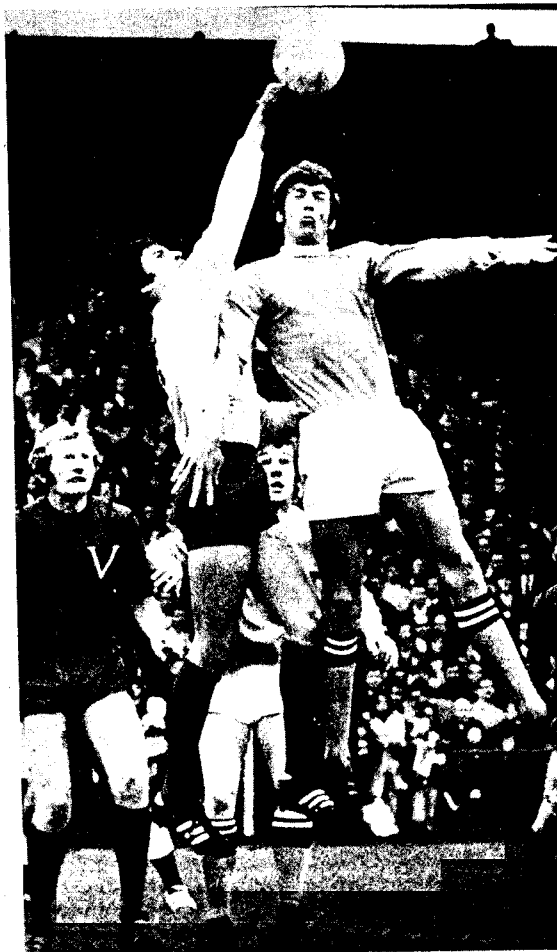
Bayswater has had a fine run but faltered badly in allowing a much improved Essendon City Triestina to take both points from Mountain Gate last week.

Either of these clubs could go up with Eltham but don't forget the youngsters from Moorabbin who have improved out of sight and well within the promotion sphere.

Melbourne University is handily poised and could upset the others aspirations they are quite capable of nipping in and making the jump themselves.

Mornington still struggles on but is no match for the rest of the competition and appears a likely candidate for the wooden spoon.

Clayton and Broadmeadows are improving after lean spells. Rosebud is having its best run for years but Doncaster, Monash and Helvetic continue to disappoint.

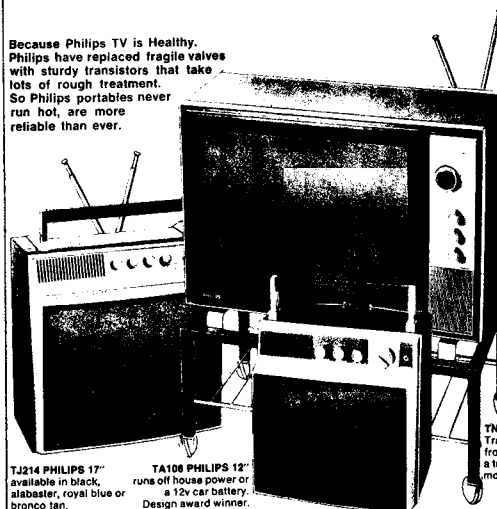


Jack Reilly robs Manchester City's Neil Young of the ball. Alistair Scott and a Manchester forward watch the outcome at Olympic Park.

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PELE TO PLAY IN SYDNEY

By JIM COOK

Sydney soccer fans are in for a treat when Brazilian club side, Santos, with the legendary Pele, play Australia, at Sydney Sports Ground, on Saturday.

This one match ranks as the most expensive football promotion ever in the history of any football code in Australia.

Total promotion costs will exceed \$50,000 and only the sponsorship guarantee by Pepsi-Cola, Travel-Lodge, News Ltd., and Phillips Industries has made the game possible.

However, the 35,000 all-ticket game is virtually assured of a sell-out since this will be the first and only time Australians will have the opportunity of seeing the fabulous Pele. The deeds of Pele in world soccer over the years have been such it would be unthinkable that anyone even with only an elementary knowledge of the game should miss his appearance here.

the cards he'll announce his complete retirement any moment.

He was soccer's first millionaire player and his income before retiring from the international scene was reported to be \$750,000 a year.

World soccer will be much the poorer when Pele hangs up his boots for good.

But Sydney fans will be enriched by seeing him in action.

GREATEST ever soccer player representing the ministry, the Rev. K. R. G. Hunt, played with Wolves and was only one of three amateurs ever to win an F.A. Cup medal.

The Reverend, a famous Corinthian and Oxford Blue, scored the first Wolves goal in their 1908 F.A. win. He played 18 amateur and two full international for England.

In the 13 years between 1949 and 1961, Wolves were England's greatest club side. In that era they won the F.A. Cup twice and the League championship three times.

Derek Dougan the veteran Irishman and man of many clubs played in the World Cup for Northern Ireland as far back as 1958.

The Belfast-born Dougan is one of the greatest characters in the game through his goal scoring feats, number of appearances in league soccer, broadcaster, feature writer and a leader of the Players Union. He is 6'3" tall, can look after himself in any game and also around the conference table with the "big brass".

John Richards joined Wolves straight from school and only became a full time professional in 1969.

David Wagstaffe, one of the most dangerous wingers in top English soccer, has now made about 250 appearances for Wolves since joining them eight years ago from Manchester City with whom he made nearly 150 appearances.

Mike Bailey has a background of rowing and rugby. For he comes from Cambridgeshire.

Wolves were the first team to win the F.A. Cup on a ground originally chosen outside of London. This was in 1893 when they beat Everton 1-0, at Fallowfield, in Manchester.

In 1955, Wolves recorded one of the biggest away wins ever in the Football League when they defeated Cardiff City, 9-1.

In 1924 Wolves suffered only three defeats in the whole league season.

In 1936, Wolves defeated Leicester City 10-1 in a first division game.

Wolves provided England's half back line

four times in May and June, 1958, against Russia (twice), Brazil and Austria. The players were Eddie Clamp, Billy Wright and Bill Slater. Odds-on favourites to win the 1939 F.A. Cup-Final against Portsmouth, the Wolves were hammered 4-1.

Derek Dougan played for Blackburn Rovers in the 1960 Cup-Final when they were defeated 3-0 by Wolves.

Ron Flowers who played 467 league games for Wolves and had 40 consecutive caps for England gained three League championship medals and one F.A. Cup-Winners medal with the Club.

Billy Wright was never cautioned or sent off in more than 600 games with Wolves.



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